

# Cigarettes in the United Kingdom

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Most distribution channels struggle as smoking rates continue to decline

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